

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please insert the following on page 1, before line 3:**

The present Application is a Divisional Application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/309,768, filed on May 11, 1999.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 16 on page 14, with the following:**

The signal light of wavelength 1550 nm is inputted to the EDF 11 through the optical transmission line 100. On the other hand, the pumping light of wavelength 1480 nm, which is outputted from the pumping source 31 33 to the optical transmission line 105, is inputted to the EDF 11 through the optical branch 52. The signal light is amplified by the EDF 11 and then inputted to an optical wavelength multiplexer 303.